Don Spandanio: "I wonder how long before he'll spoil that new outfit

ATTEMPT TO EXTORT ENDS DISASTROUSLY.

'Alleged Writer of Threatening Archduke Francis's Alleged Cleri-Letter is Trapped-Riddled With Bullets.

Morris, Ill., April 24.- Tuesday night Sheriff C. Johnson and posse captured a stranger giving his name as Warren Wayne of Indiana, a man about 60 years of age, who, it is charged, attempted to blackmail Samuel Holderman, a wealthy farmer residing a few miles west of here, out of \$600 ding him an anonymous letter, stating that if he did not deposit the money

by 12 o'clock Tuesday night at a certain point on a lonely road his farm buildings

would be burned and his cattle killed.

A trap was laid for his capture and, after a dummy package had been deposited by Holderman to the plate designated he withdrew, as the tetter directed. Wayne came up from a field and took the supposed valuable package.

He was ordered to halt by the Sheriff, but tried to escape. The officers fired and brought him down with over fifteen bullet wounds in his body. He is in a very dangerous condition.

would be burned and his cattle killed.

M. E. Church Conference. El Dorado, Ill., April 24.—The Mount Car-nel District, Southern Illinois Conference, of the M. E. Church closed a three-day session at Norris City Wednesday night.

SLAM DESK LIDS AND HURL EPITHETS.

calism Causes Another Heated Session of Reichsrath.

Vienna. April 24.-The Social Democrats again attacked Archduke Francis Ferdipand in the Reichsrath. Herr Pernerstorfer moved the repeal of the penal clause forbidding censure of the royal family.

Herr Malik interrupted him with an expletive offensive to the Christian Socialists, and the uproar broke out again.

Desk lids were slammed and opprobrious epithets filled the chamber.

Doctor Koerber declared that the protection afforded to the imperial family by the penal code was a necessary corollary of the exemption of the imperial family from the operations of the common law. The Gov-ernment would never allow any change. The personal authority of the imperial family had been in force for a century, and had become as a sacred inheritence, inseparable from the monarchical idea.

Subsequently Herr Pernerstorfer's motion was rejected.

ARRESTS AT KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, Mo., April 24.—Five men, heavily armed and supplied with burglars tools, who answer the description of the men who killed two officers in Jophin, Mo., were arrested here Wednesday night.

Their names are Fred Hoffman, Ed Williams, John Williams, Joseph Cleary and Arthur Carr.

The Illinois House passes bill providing \$250,000 for an exhibit. National Committee confers with local workers. MANY MADE RICH GREAT PRECAUTIONS

Thomas H. Carter chosen 'Chairman of the National World's Fair

Black Jack" Ketchum, Manacled and Guarded, Traveling to the Gallows.

WOULD LIKE THE BOYS TO SEE HIM HANGED.

Clayton, N. M., April 24.-Tom • Ketchum, alias "Black Jack," arrived here Wednesday. The prisoner was immediately taken to the county jail, where, at his request, he was . · allowed to inspect the scaffold from · which he will be hanged Friday. He . expressed himself as well pleased • with it, but said he would like to . have the stockade taken down so • that the boys could see him hanged. .

A message was received to-night • through Governor Otero from President McKinley granting Ketchum a . reprieve until May 25, next.

Trinidad, Colo., April 24.-"Black Jack" Ketchum, the famous outlaw, who singlehanded held up a train at Folsom, N. M., August 16, 1899, passed through Trinidad Wednesday morning in charge of Salome Garcia, Sheriff of Union County, New Mexico, accompanied by Special Agent Reno of the Colorado and Southern and a strong force of deputies.

The Sheriff and party came in on a delayed Santa Fe train and were transferred Railway, on which they continued their York. journey to Clayton, N. M., where "Black Jack" is to be hanged. The prisoner was closely watched, as it

was feared that friends of the outlaw would attempt his rescue.

He was manacled with a heavy steel belt around his waist, and his left arm, the only one he has, was secured to this belt by

nandcuffs. His legs were pinioned together with handcuffs. He was confined in a steelined mail car with iron grated windows. The crime for which "Black Jack" is to be hanged was the train robbery at Folbe hanged was the train robbery at Fol-som, N. M., on the Colorade and Southern Railroad. He was tried in September last, and, on conviction, was given the extreme penalty, the Jeath serteace. Shots were exchanged between the bandit and trainmen at Folsom, and the conductor and mail agent were wounded, but nobody was killed. "Black Jack" was wounded in the right shoulder in this fight and lost his arm in consequence.

arm in consequence. Westerners in New York.

St. Louis—H. S. Atterbury, Cadillac; F. M. McDevitt, Cadillac; C. Gleason, Cadillac; W. O. Garrison, Imperial; Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Dunbar, Imperial; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Giescke, Waldorf; G. P. Andrews, Holland; J. Scallin, Fifth Avenue; Mrs. C. DeGheest, Fifth Avenue; Mrs. C. DeGheest, Fifth Avenue; D. Bledermann, Belvedere; C. O. Eames, Morton; E. B. McDonaid, Hoftman; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Magee, Murray Hill; Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Vieths, Manhattan; M. Rubenstein, Navarre. St. Louis-H. S. Atterbury, Cadillac; F. Kansas City-Mr. and Mrs. F. Titus, Fifth Avenue; W. E. McQuinn, Hoffman.

WITNESSES SILENCED BY ORDER OF COURT.

TO PREVENT RESCUE. BY BEAUMONT OIL

Lucky Investments in Land Made Several Years Ago Now Yield Magnificent Profits.

IMMENSE DEALS BEING MADE.

Cash Paid in Every Instance-Illinois Judge Describes Conditions in the Oil Field as He Found Them.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Quincy, Ill., April 24.-C. E. Epler, Couny Judge here, has just returned from a usiness trip in Eastern Texas, including Beaumont, where the rich oil strikes have been made. In an interview with your correspondent he said:

"Beaumont, the 'Queen City of the Neches,' is to-day the center of interest in the oil world. The rush to invest and speculate in oil lands and companies is in direct proportion to and increasing with the pressure of oil in the gusher wells south of Regument.

"The city of 12,000 inhabitants is crowded with capitalists, thronging about the Crosby House and oil exchange, all seeking a share in the harvest arising from rapidly increasing values. The interest and strife are too strained and intense to vent themselves in noise, such as prevails on the to a special on the Colorado and Southern Stock Exchange of Chicago and New

"Immense deals are closed quickly and quietly. They do not bother with options, or mortgages, or leases of oil lands outside of Jefferson County. Only cash goes, Deals require half the money to be placed at once in a bank, payment of balance to await examination of abstracts, for which, lately, but six hours are allowed. It is nothing for local attorneys to charge from \$500 to \$1,000 for such examinations. land itself, or ten to twenty year leases, are bought, as high as \$40,000 having been paid single acr.

Kansas City Man's Luck

"In the marshy oil fields, known as Gladys City, three miles south of Beaumont, were counted thirty-five derricks, about 65 feet high. These tail titans tower above the flat plain and remind one of the monsters from Mars, in Wells's 'War of the World,' and like them, in action, they draw their strength from the bowels of the earth. The derricks are comparatively a tame sight while the oil is held in restraint, but the NEW York, April 24.—Among the hotel arrivals Wednesday are the following Westof 150 or 160 feet, When President Mcgushers will all be opened with grand ef-

gushers will all be opened with grand effect.

"Many fortunes are made in lucky investments. Four years ago E. N. Catron of Kansas City bought seventy-five acres in Bullock's survey at \$12 an acre. On the 18th of this month he sold the land for \$500 an acre. This is one instance, but Catron bought the land four years ago. The purchasers of this tract will plat it and put it on the market at \$1,000 an acre. And they will get it.

Oll Lake Is 1,000 Feet Down. Oil Lake Is 1,000 Feet Down.

"The dimensions of the oil lake, which is believed to lie about 1,000 feet below the surface, are unknown, but owners of millions of dollars are willing to take chances on its extent.

"The oil is a fuel oil. Purchases are being made toward Sour Lake, northwesterly from the flowing wells, and the oil stream is supposed to come from the direction of Corsicana, where some wells yield illuminating oil.

"Last Friday a Standard Oil representative in Beaumont, incognito, was said to

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tive in Beaumont, incognito, was said to be quiletly buying valuable lots, but he left the place in the evening, finding prices too high.

"Two Chicago boys had more judgment and fortune than others. W. Scott Heywood and Dewey Heywood. 28 and 30 years of age, respectively, were in the oil business in California. On January 19 last, nine days after the Lucas gusher came in, they went to Beaumont and leased fifteen acres from the Higgins Oil Company for twenty years for 50 per cent royalty, and with their own money they made a contract and bored a well on Spindletop, now thought to be the center of the oil lake. This well is 500 feet from the Lucas well, and within 1,000 feet of the Beatty well.

Two Chicago Men Strike It Rich

"At a depth of \$20 feet oil was struck and came out in such quantities that they started to take out the inner two-inch pipe. The gushing oil made the task of removing the pipe difficult and dangerous, as several hundred feet of the two-inch pipe was shot up in the air by the pressure. The oil gushed about 160 feet high. The steady artesian oil flow, forced by gas, doubtless showed 119 pounds pressure on the gange.

"This well is the sixth gusher to come in, and one of the best. It will flow about 50,000 barrels of oil per day, and a 60,000 barrel metal tank has been ordered constructed, the largest in the field.

"The speed, energy and judgment of the Heywood boys, their Chicago traits, have finade their fortune and put them in the front rank of Beaumont oil kings. They went after the real thing, not confining themselves to speculation. Not until their well produced oil was a certificate of the \$800,000 stock of the Heywood Oil Company are M. C. Tyrrell of Iowa, president; Charles E. Anderson of Austin. Tex., vice-president; W. S. Davidson of Beaumont, treasurer, and Dewey Heywood Secretary.

"Guffey & Galey, who control several oil wells, will lay a pipe line to pump oil to tidewater. Port Arthur being about sixteen miles distant.

"Beaumont will grow as an oil center, where fortunes wil

"Beaumont will grow as an oil center, where fortunes will be made in oil and lost in speculation."

HOBSON TO VISIT CERVERA Will Ask for Leave of Absence to

Go to Spain Washington, D. C., April 24.-Lieutenant

Richmond Pearson Hobson will ask the Navy Department for a leave of absence in order to enable him to make a trip to Spain The request will be sent in as soon as his duties are completed at the Pan-American Exposition. While in Spain Lieutenant Hobson will

be the guest of Admiral Cervera. The last time he was the Admiral's guest was when he and his gallant little band were captured by the Spaniards in Santiago Bay after ter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fields. sinking the Merrimac in the channel. During Hobson's captivity after that oc casion Admiral Cervera, who was out-spoken in his admiration of Hobson's brav-ery, saw to it personally that he was given the best of treatment. As a result a warm friendship sprang up between them.

BRIGHT COMET APPEARS.

First Reported From Cape Town and Sydney, N. S. W. London, April 25.—Dispatches received from Cape Town and Sydney, New South Wales, Thursday morning, report the ap-mearance of a brilliant comet.

Joseph Flory Is Elected Secretary—Members Confer With Local **Workers and Committees Are Appointed.**



CORWIN H. SPENCER. Former president of the Merchants Exchange, St. Louis.

W. I. BUCHANAN, Director General of the Pan-American Exposition.

These two men are prominently mentioned for the position of Director General of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Former Senator Thomas H. Carter of city five or six days. The probabilities are Montana was unanimously chosen president that the local organization will not meet of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Commission when it convened at its headquarters in the Southern Hotel at Il o'clock

YESTERDAY'S WORLD'S FAIR PROGRESS CARTER IS PRESIDENT OF COMMISSION.

Upon taking his seat Senator Carter thanked his fellow-Commissioners for the honor conferred upon him, and stated that he would fulfill the trust placed in him to the best of his ability. Joseph Flory, Re-publican candidate for Governor of Mis-souri last fail, was elected secretary. Mr. Flory, who was in the hotel at the time, was brought into the meeting and duly installed and introduced to the members of the Commission.

At the afternoon session of the Commisn Martin H. Glynn o elected vice president of the Commission, and the following standing committees were appointed: Judiciary Committee, William Lindsay, George W. McBride and John M. Thurston; Executive Committee, John F. Miller, Frederic A. Betts, Philip D. Scott and John M. Allen; Arbitration Com-Scott and John M. Alert, and John M. Al-mittee, John M. Thurston and John M. Al-len; Committee on Plan and Scope, George W. Markette, Frederick A. Betts, John F. W. McBride, Frederick A. Betts, John Miller, William Lindsay and Martin H. Glynn, President Thomas H. Carter was made ex-officio member of all the commit-

VISIT COMMISSION.

The remainder of the session was occupied with a general discussion of details and the consideration of minor appointments. In the course of the afternoon several of the prominent local workers were closeted with the Commission, Among these were ex-Governor D. R. Francis and William H. Thompson. It was stated that the visit of the local men was simply to join in the general discussions. The Commission will meet Thursday morning at 10

William H. Thompson, charman of the Finance Committee, departed for the East Wednesday evening to be away from the

which the local management will take up after the election of its officers will be the selection of a World's Fair site. A promi-nent member of the Finance Committee of the temporary organization said Wednes

"Until the park-site bill, which is at present pending in the Municipal Assembly, is decided either one way or the other, it is not probable that any site will be de termined upon. With three sites offered by the city, one in the South, one in the West and one in the North ends of the city, the position of the management will be greatly strengthened. If a location other than one of these is to be chosen, the Board of Directors will be able to secure material benefits from those interested in placing the Fair in such location.

DIRECTOR GENERAL TO BE CONSIDERED.

It is not believed that the office of director general of the World's Fair will be filled at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. This is one of the offices of the first importance, and requires a man experienced in organization and the handling of large projects. Before any one is chosen for the office, the names of all the candidates will be carefully considered and their merits passed upon.

Several of the most prominent World's Fair people were questioned on this point Wednesday. It was generally agreed that in view of the important part in the enterprise which will be taken by the director general, and the large remuneration which he will receive, probably about \$20,000 per annum, no stone should be left unturned in securing the very best man available for the office. For this reason it may be several days after the organization of the local management before any man is decided upon for the place. Corwin H. Spencer, who from the start

has been one of the most urdent World's Fair workers, is spoken of as the most probable local candidate for director gen-eral. He has engineered numerous large enterprises, and thoroughly understands the handling of men.

William I. Buchanan, director general of the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, is prominently mentioned for the office. He has had much experience in handling expositions. He directed the Sloux City Corn Palace a few years ago, and is the central figure in the Pan-American Exposition. Friends of Mr. Buchanan have already pre-



JOSEPH FLORY. Secretary to the Commission

firector generalship of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Secretary of State Sam B. Cook issued articles of incorporation Wednesday to the Louisiana Puchase Exposition Company of St. Louis with a capital stock of \$5,000,000. This was the final legal step toward forming the World's Fair Company, articles of incorporation having been filed Tuesday with the St. Louis Recorder of Deeds.



WHERE GROGAN FELL.



YARD IN WHICH THE TARGET PRACTICE TOOK PLACE.

the evidence was competent, because it re-

lated to a part of the particular event un-der consideration. He contended that the statements made by Grogan after he fell by the side of his own house were liter-ally dying declarations, and entitled to all that force in law; and that, furthermore,

they were all made in the presence of the defendant, which gave them additional

Mr. Elder admitted that Eastman had

ime.
"With a loaded pistol in his hand," in-

They Are Not Permitted to Repeat Grogan's Dying Words. Which Accused Eastman of His Murder—Sensational Day in the Trial.

EPUBLIC SPECIAL. Boston, Mass., April 24.- "Charlie Eastman murdered me," the last words of Richard H. Grogan, Jr., heard by so many of the Government witnesses who are to testify against Charles R. Eastman, the Harvard instructor, charged with the murder of his brother-in-law, will not be allowed

This sensational decision was reached by Judges Gaskill and Alken Wednesday after-roon shortly before the court closed on the third day of the famous trial. It was a distinct victory for the defense, for the ecuting attorneys have made much of Grogan's dying statements, and Wednesday de a hard fight for the admission of this evidence. The defense made the claim that when Grogan charged his brother-in-law with murder be did not know he was in a dying condition, and that his utterance was merely a matter of opinion; not a state-

the struggle for possession of a revolver, five other witnesses-Miss Sarah Kingsley, Mrs. Margaret O'Connor, Miss Bridget Ho gan, Mrs. Ellen Thayer and Miss Marion Pratt-who were in the immediate vicinity of the shooting on the afternoon of July 4 verified certain portions of Titus's state-ment. A half dozen others were prepared to repeat Grogan's statement that Eastman had murdered him. This statement was made while Grogan was running toward the house after he had broken away from

Eastman's gresp:
"There is the man that shot me." And in reply to Eastman's assertion that it was the result of an accident: "He meant to do it. I saw him do it "

Thirteen-year-old Lottie Broughton was the first person after Titus to be selected to repeat this statement. That afternoon she and several other children, including little

dying condition, and that his utterance was merely a matter of opinion; not a statement of fact.

The good effect of this decision upon Easteman was electrical. The trial has already begun to wear upon him, and he does not sleep well. It his been his custom to eat his lunch in the courtroom, but on Wedneshay, during the noon recess, he asked to be taken to the jail so that he might rest on a lounge.

The evidence given Wednesday, beginning with that of Walter B. Titus, the drug with the seen a struggle, was given entirely by persons who were in the vicinity of the Clark estate on the afternoon of last Independence Day—women who had been sitting of the parameter of the parameter of the castman house by cries of murder.

The widence given Wednesday, beginning with that of Walter B. Titus, the drug with the defendant, were playing in the yard of the Clarke estate. When the pleasure was cut short by the sundence and the Discretion.

"Whe Elder's Objection."

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The veldence given Wednesday, beginning with that of Walter B. Titus, the drug at the rate of 100 daily along the Wyoming Storm.

Cheyenne, Wyo., April 24.—The Swan Land a

slowly walked in the direction in which Grogan had run, but after an interval of terrupted the Attorney General.
"Precisely, which proves that, far from "Precisely, which proves that, far from any intention to murder this man, there was no such intention. If that trigger was ready to be fired, why didn't he fire it?"

After taking an hour to consider the matter, the Court allowed every contention of the defense, the decision being to the effect that subsequent witnesses cannot testify to what Grogan said about being murdered, or that Eastman "meant to do it."

This took some of the sensational features out of the evidence of Belle Bryan, house-keeper for the Grogans, a rather talkative woman with a perpetual smile, who revealed all the doings of the Grogan and Eastman families on the day of the shooting, and told how Grogan had refused to go to target practice until he had finished with his firecrackers.

DEVASTATION ON THE RANGE.

CLEO DE MERODE TO SUE A KING,

Declares Belgium's Ruler Led Her to Abandon Her Place and and Then Forsook Her.

SPECIAL BY CABLE. Paris, April 24.-According to society papers in London and Paris, Cleo de Merode intends to sue the King of Belgium for a

Merode declares that at his instance she relinquished a remunerative place in the ballet and entered upon various enterprises which she was led to believe the patronage and co-operation of the King would make successful. For lack of this patronage, which, she says, she had every reason to expect, her ventures were failures Merode has not been at her apartments

here for about three weeks, but each day a messenger calls for her letters and telegrams, but maintains a strict silence as her whereabouts.

TERRIBLE ORDEAL OF DISTRACTED MOTHER

Her Little Child Burning to Death | Policeman and Man Against Whom and She Unable to Rescue It.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Louisiana, Mo., April 24.-A distressing accident occurred on a farm near here Tuesday evening, resulting, an hour later, in the death of Grace Fields, the 4-year-old daugh-

The child, with a brother and sister, both but slightly older, was playing around a burning brush heap. Her clothes caught fire, and she ran screaming toward the

She reached a wire fence separating her from the bouse, and, clinching a wire in her tiny hands, hung there until every thread of her clothes burned from her body, thread of her clothes burned from her body.

Her mother, who was on a sick bed, heard her screams and ran to help her, but, overcome by weakness, she fell before she reached the burning child. In sheer desperation she dragged herself to the fence, but could only reach between the wires.

The mother was badly burned, without being able to help the child, and is now in a oritical condition.

IN POLICE COURT.

CLEO DE MERODE.

He Testified Are Fatally Wounded.

Chicago, April 24.-Two men will die as the result of a shooting affray that occurred in the Harrison Street Police Courtroom just after the court had adjourned at noon to-day. The wounded men are Policeman William Messenger and Richard D. Houghteling. Houghteling had been arraigned in court

on a charge of following and annoying a woman, and had been subjected to sharp criticism by Messenger, who had made the arrest. Houghteling was released and after court had adjourned he approached Messenger, drew a revolver and fired twice Messenger was struck by both bullets, but Messenger was struck by both bullets, but drew his own weapon, shot Houghteling and fell unconscious. Other policemen began firing at Houghteling, who ran from the room. Fifty shots were fired. Houghteling dropped in the hall with five bullet wounds. Both men were removed to the hospital, where they may die.

LEADING' TOPICS

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC. For Missouri-Generally fair Thursday and Friday; cooler in northwest-

ern partion; ensterly winds, becoming For Illinois-Fair Thursday; warmer in northeastern portion. Friday fair: light northeasterly winds.

National Fair Commission.

Fifty-Cent Corn in Prospect.

World's Fair Bill in Illinois House. 3. News from the East Side Cities,

4. Railroad News Kills Himself on Wedding Day. Mayor Visits City Institutions. Cudaby Gave Up Money Voluntarily.

. Jealous Boarder Fired Five Shots at His Martin C. Henry Weds. River News.

6. George Drew Wins Again in England Herriman's Fine Breeding Farm. 7. Royal Couple on Honeymoon,

At Altar and Refuses to Wed. Dewey Wants Prize Money. 8. Editorial.

Blanke-Verborg Wedding. Politics and World's Fair. 9. War Department Names Nearly 600

Lieutenants. Immense Dealing in Union Pacific For State Medical Board.

lo. Republic Want Advertisements. Birth, Marriage and Death Records 11. Republic Want Advertisements

12. Markets Advance Again. Chicago Grain Markets.

14. Lincoln Has a New Resting Place. Hyatt Plays Golf. Robert Moulton Dying at Belleville. Refused to Keep the Baby.

Crossland a Suicide.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL REPUBLIC SPECIAL
Gaiveston, Tex., April 24.—Captain E. A.
Crossland of the Eritish steamship Selma,
who mysteriously disappeared from Gelveston April 9, just as his ship was ready
to clear for Havre and Tyne docks, committed suicide in Houston Wednesday morning by taking laudaum.
Captain Crossland deserted his ship, it is
believed, because of grief over the death
his wife and nine children.